

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: (Inaudible)

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Schellpeper, I listened to your explanation of the committee amendments and then these amendments and I know one of the issues that was discussed in the committee was the issue of background checks and I still don't quite understand why these employees can't have a background check done. I realize there was an agreement entered into, but why...what's the rationale for not having background checks?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think we discussed several different things, Senator, and I think the cost and the time frame was the two main things. So we decided to go with the temporary license and then after 60 days they are going to do the background check and see what happens and then after 60 days they will be, have this permanent license. But there will be this background check but not as much as what was in the original bill.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay. Can you explain that just a little. Will each employee of the keno operation have a background check done?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, will the employees that deal with the money, will they have background checks done?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They will fill out an application and say that they are not a felon, that they have never been involved in all this and then they will be granted this temporary license. And then after, if there is any problem, if there is any red flag that comes up for an individual, then they will do a background check on them and then their temporary license will either be made a permanent or else pulled.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, and that is a 60-day window period?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's a 60-day window period in order to have this background check done.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So, if by a red flag, how does the red flag